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SUBJECT: 24TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: AGENDA ITEM 6, UN VOLUNTEERS -

DECISION

REF: GENEVA A-173

QUOTED BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE DECISION ON UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS, ITEM 6;

"THE GOVERNING COUNCIL,

TAKING NOTE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT ON UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS (DP/269) AND OF SECTION (D) , PARAGRAPH 94 TO 98 OF THE ADMINISTRATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT (DP/255), AND THE COMMENTS THEREON BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL;

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF EMPLOYING THE MOST SUITABLE
PERSONNEL FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AS WELL
AS THE NEED TO MAKE MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE USE OF ALL RESOURCES IN
ORDER TO ENHANCE THE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:

CONVINCED THAT THE USE OF VOLUNTEERS CAN ADD A VALUABLE EXTRA DIMENSION TO DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; UNCLASSIFIED

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REALIZING THAT THE LONG-TERM ADVANTAGES OF VOLUNTEERS MAY NOT BE FULLY APPRECIATED BY ALL RECIPIENT COUNTRIES;

RECALLING ITS DECISION AT ITS 22ND SESSION CONCERNING THE FUTURE FINANCING OFA ALL VOLUNTEER IN-COUNTRY COSTS FROM COUNTRY IPFS;

RECOGNIZING, NEVERTHELESS, THAT FINANCING OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF COUNTRY IPFS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME TO MAINTAIN THE VIABILITY OF THE PROGRAMME IN THE LEAST DEVELOPED AND NEWLY INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES;

CALLS UPON THE ADMINISTRATOR TO INCREASE EFFORTS TO PUBLICIZE THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS AND TO EXPLAIN TO PROSPECTIVE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES THE TECHNICAL, PRACTICAL AND ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN COUNTRY PROJECTS:

URGES THE ADMINISTRATOR TO INTEGRATE VOLUNTEERS TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PRACTICAL IN THE FORMULATION OF COUNTRY PROJECTS, BEARING IN MIND THE DESIRABILITY OF CAREFUL SELECTION OF CANDIDATES AND THE APPROPRIATENESS OF INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENTS;

REAFFIRMS ITS DECISION AT ITS 22ND SESSION THAT ALL VOLUNTEER IN-COUNTRY COSTS SHOULD BE FINANCED FROM COUNTRY IPFS; AND

FURTHER DECIDES THIS SHALL TAKE FULL EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1982;

REQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENCOURAGE THE FUNDING OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE COLUNTEER PROGRAM INCREASINGLY FROM COUNTRY IPFS;

APPROVES, AS A PRACTICAL MEANS OF MOVING TOWARD SUCH FINANCING WITHOUT JEOPARDY TO THE CONTINUED GROWTH OF THE RPOGRAMME:

A) THE INCLUSION OF IN-COUNTRY COSTS FOR VOLUNTEERS IN PROJECTS FUNDED FROM THE SPECIAL MEASURES FUND FOR LDCS, IF SO REQUESTED BY THE RECIEPIENT COUNTRY CONCERNED;

B) THE UTILIZATION FROM REGULAR UNDP RESOURCES UP TO \$1 MILLION IN 1978, \$750,000 IN 1979, \$500,000 IN 1980 -,\$ \$250,000 IN 1981 FOR THE FUNDING OF INCOUNTRY VOLUNTEER COSTS IN THE LEAST DEVELOPED AND NEWLY INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES;

C) THE CONTINUED USE UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1982 OF THE SPECIAL VOLUNTARY FUND, AT A DECLINING RATE AND WITHOUT JEOPARDY TO ITS SPECIFIED PURPOSES, TO MEET INCOUNTRY COSTS OF COLUNTEERS IN THE LEAST DEVELOPED AND NEWLY INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES;

CALLS UPON THE ADMINISTRATOR, CONSISTENT WITH THE NEEDS AND REQUESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO ENHANCE THE SCOPE AND ENLARGE THE SIZE OF THE UN VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME THROUGH IMAGINATIVE EMPLOYMENT OF THIS SOURCE OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE;

APPEALS TO GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE GROWING NUMBER AND WIDENING SCOPE OF THE UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS ACTIVITIES AND, CONSEQUENTLY, TO CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING, OR INCREASING THEIR CONTRIBUTION, AS THE CASE MAY BE, TO THE UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS SPECIAL VOLUNTARY FUND."SORENSON

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